

SUBJECTS.

55. That Parur should be constituted a T. I. C. town.

statement and get sanction for diverting the saving to another head.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said that a T. I. C. should be established at Parur. He also said that he would echo the suggestions of Mr. Kumara Pillai with regard to enlarging the powers of the T. I. Committees.

Dewan's reply.—We are taking action with regard to Parur.

56. Sanitary needs of the Vailom town.

Mr. G. Venkitarama Aiyar (Member, T. I. C., Vailom) represented that, prior to the advent of the T. I. C., only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road in the town were maintained and a sum of Rs. 1,300 was spent by Government then; but now the town limits were enlarged and $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road had to be maintained. There were only 8 lights at present and that was insufficient; 40 or 50 lights were required; additional staff was also required to meet the present requirements. The present Government grant of Rs. 500 and the income derived from licensing fees and other sources, all together, would come, at the most, to about Rs. 1,500. But, calculating at the lowest rate, they required Rs. 3,000 to meet the immediate demands of the town. The Member prayed that an annual grant of Rs. 1,300 be given for a period of five years at least, by which time the Committee expected to raise the whole amount required for their expenditure.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The paucity of open spaces and recreation grounds at Kottayam.

Mr. P. M. Chacko B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) stated that, at present, the only recreation ground available at Kottayam was a piece of open space, about one acre in extent, lying east of the Public offices. This was insufficient for the growing needs of the rising generation of the town. There were more than 2,000 of the school-going population besides 4 or 5 Clubs. The Member suggested that, as the present Sircar school was crowded, a new building was necessary, and that if Government provided for sufficient open spaces when the building site was acquired, it would prove to be a boon both to the students and to the public for the preservation of their health.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The insufficiency of lights in the Alleppey town.

Mr. P. Joseph Panappallil (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that the street lights were so few and far between that they served more as a hindrance than as a help. In 1083 there were 215 lights for $22\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road, but at present there were $26\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road with only 192 lights; the Committee had been forced to reduce the number of lights in 1084 for want of funds. The people were taxed in several ways to collect funds for the improvement of the town, and it was but reasonable that they should grumble for want of sufficient lights. The Member pointed out that the Committee